

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1) Summary of Prosecution

Claims 1, 2, 4 to 10 and 12 to 17 are pending in the application. Claims 6, 9, 14 and 15 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 3 and 11 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16 and 17 are rejected.

Telephone Call with Examiner on March 26, 2009

Applicant submitted a proposed claim amendment to the Examiner and noted that Applicant intends that this claim amendment covers a beveller that bevells carpet wherein either or both the material support surface and blade are movable (so that the material support surface moves relative to the blade).

The amendment is incorporated identically in amended claim 1 herein, and has been added to independent claim 10.

The Examiner stated that the claim amendment overcomes all objections cited by him. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application in view of the amendments.

2) Anticipation (35 USC 102(b))

The Examiner has maintained the objection that claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-8, 10, 12-13 and 16-17 are anticipated by Peterson, Jr. (United States Patent No. 3,760,673).

As agreed by the Examiner in the March 26, 2009 telephone call, the prior art does not show that the “the material support surface is movable relative to the blade or counter-knife generally along a tangent of the cylindrical surface”. Accordingly the claims now overcome the prior art, and are novel and non-obvious.

3) Power of Attorney

A Revocation of Power of Attorney with a New Power of Attorney (PTO/SB/81) signed by the Assignee is enclosed along with a Statement under 37 CFT 3.73(b) signed by Agent of Record.

4) Closing Remarks

In view of the above comments, the Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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